GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3618
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INJURY TO INDIAN SOLDIERS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

he number of Indian soldiers injured during the operation at Sierra Leone?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

The rescue operation to secure the freedom of movement of 221 Indian troops and 11 military observers held under siege by the RUF rebels in Kailahun(Sierra Leone) was launched by the UN Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL), under the command of Force Commander Major General V.K. Jetley on July 15 and successfully completed onJuly 16, 2000. During the operation, 7 Indian soldiers received minor injuries. There was unfortunately one fatal casualty of an Indian soldier, Havildar Krishan Kumar.